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HOLIDAY OF FRIENDS IN ARMS

USSR Air Show

On 15 August 1946, 300,000 Moscow inhabitants observed a demonstration at the Tushino flying field, (Moscow Airport), in honor of the Russian Air Force. For the first time new-type fighters and light bombers, designed by Il'yushin and Tupolev, passenger planes, and the IL-12 transport, equipped with propeller-jet engines, were demonstrated. Jet planes were exhibited for the first time. These were of two types: (1) with the engine located in the fuselage; and (2) with two engines mounted on the wings. Russian Flying Fortresses also displayed their might.

All of these planes were designed and constructed in the first 16 months after the war.

The Soviet Union which had to create an aeronautical industry, now leads the world in production as well as design. The Polish Air Force and aeronautical industry has much to learn from the Russians and should take advantage of the opportunity offered by them. The Polish aeroclub should coordinate activities with the Moscow aeroclub imeni Gagarin.

There was no Polish delegation at Tushino during the festivities.

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